# Federally Funded Early Childhood **Technical Assistance Projects**







Head Start Bureau www.acf.hhs.gov/ programs/hsb

Health Resources and Services Administration www.hrsa.gov

# SAMHSA

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration www.samhsa.gov

# **Child Health**



# Healthy Child Care America

A collaborative effort of health professionals, child care providers, and families seeking to improve the health and well-being of children in child care settings. www.healthychildcare.org

MISA National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care

Provides State-level child care contacts and health and safety products, including training curricula, national standards, and links to other organizations.

Toll-Free: (800) 598-5437; http://nrc.uchsc.edu

#### SAMHSA National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health

Provides a broad range of training and technical assistance opportunities for States, Tribes, Territories, and communities to assist in transforming service delivery systems for children with mental health needs and their families.

http://gucchd.georgetown.edu/programs/ta\_center/index.html

# **Infant and Toddler Care**



#### Early Head Start National Resource Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families

Offers information and training on best practices related to the development and care of infants and toddlers. http://www.ehsnrc.org



#### National Infant & Toddler Child Care Initiative

Find resources focusing on issues related to child care for babies and toddlers and the development of child care systems to serve them.

http://nccic.org/itcc

# **Information Products and Services**



Head Start Information and Publications Center (HSIPC) Find an array of comprehensive resources and publications on an extensive range of topics related to Head Start. HSIPC Toll-Free: (866) 763-6481; http://www.headstartinfo.org



# National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC)

National clearinghouse and technical assistance center linking parents, providers, policymakers, researchers, and the public to early care and education information.

NCCIC Toll-Free: (800) 616-2242; http://nccic.org

# **Information Products and Services** (Continued)



#### Child Care Aware (CCA)

A source for locating child care programs, getting advice on child care issues, and accessing early child care and education resources.

CCA Toll-Free: (800) 424-2246; http://www.childcareaware.org



# Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center

Offers the early childhood community one-stop shopping for information on all facets of early childhood development. This URL is currently under construction; for more information, please visit www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb.



#### National Dissemination Center for Children With Disabilities (NICHCY)

Central source of information on infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and research-based information on effective educational practices for individuals with disabilities. NICHCY Toll-Free: (800) 695-0285; http://www.nichcy.org

# **Resources for Head Start Grantees and Partners**



#### Head Start Fiscal Assistant

Large database of all the statutes, regulations, and policies related to fiscal management of Head Start grants. Using this online tool, users can quickly locate, sort, and appropriately interpret and apply information related to Head Start grants administration and management.

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb/hsfa



# Head Start National Facilities Assistance Desk

Provides guidance for constructing and/or renovating a facility to meet Head Start program needs and standards. http://www.hsnrc.org/Facilities/Index.cfm



# Child Development Associate Credentialing Program

Program supported by the Council for Professional Recognition, a nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C. The Council recognizes competence for Head Start through

http://www.cdacouncil.org



# Head Start Higher Education Grantee Partnerships

Partnership program between colleges and universities and Head Start grantees to increase the number of Head Start teachers with college degrees in early childhood education. http://www.hsnrc.org/highereducation



#### Head Start Family Literacy Project

Provides professional development and support to Head Start staff in the delivery of high-quality family literacy services. http://www.famlit.org/programsandinitiatives/headstart/index.cfm

# **Research and Outcomes**



Child Care and Early Education Research Connections

Offers research resources, such as reports, data sets, and data collection instruments for researchers, policymakers, and practitioners.

http://www.childcareresearch.org



The Early Childhood Outcomes Center: Demonstrating Results for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers With Disabilities and Their Families (ECO)

Promotes the development and implementation of child and family outcome measures for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with disabilities. http://www.the-ECO-center.org

**Educational Resources Information Center** 

The Education Resources Information Center (ERIC), sponsored by the Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, produces the world's premier database of journal and nonjournal education literature. The ERIC online system is the world's largest and most frequently used education database, comprising more than 1 million bibliographic records spanning from 1966 to the present. www.eric.ed.gov



#### Research and Training Center on Early Childhood Development (RTC)

The RTC is designed to provide research-based information to parents and early childhood professionals on interventions associated with the healthy mental, behavioral, communication, preliteracy, and social-emotional state of young children with or at risk for developmental disabilities. http://www.researchtopractice.info



# What Works Clearinghouse (WWC)

The What Works Clearinghouse was established in 2002 by the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), U.S. Department of Education, to provide educators, policymakers, researchers, and the public with a central and trusted source of scientific evidence of what works in education. The WWC aims to promote informed education decisionmaking through a set of easily accessible databases and user-friendly reports that provide education consumers with ongoing, high-quality reviews of the effectiveness of replicable educational interventions (e.g., programs, products, practices, and policies) that intend to improve student outcomes. The WWC is administered by IES through a contract to a joint venture of the American Institutes for Research and the Campbell Collaboration. http://www.whatworks.ed.gov

# **Social and Emotional Development**



# Center for Evidence-Based Practice: Young Children With Challenging Behavior

The Center promotes the use of evidence-based practice to meet the needs of young children who have, or are at risk for, problem behavior.

http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu



# Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning



A consortium of organizations dedicated to strengthening the capacity of child care and Head Start programs through best practices for the social and emotional development of children. http://www.csefel.uiuc.edu

# **Training and Technical Assistance**



National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center Supports the implementation of the early childhood provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education

http://www.nectac.org



# National Head Start Training and Technical Assistance Resource Center

Supports Head Start training and technical assistance needs and facilitates communication and informationsharing within the Head Start community. http://www.hsnrc.org



# Tribal Child Care Technical Assistance Center (TriTAC)

Provides specialized technical assistance to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations in child care capacity-building efforts. TriTAC Toll-Free: (800) 388-7670; http://www.nccic.org/tribal



# National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC)

Offers comprehensive technical assistance for State child care programs.

NCCIC Toll-Free: (800) 616-2242; http://nccic.org

# Selected Online Resources

#### **FINDING PROGRAMS**

#### Head Start/Early Head Start Program Locator

http://www.ehsnrc.org/ProgramLocator/ehssites.com http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb/hsweb/index.jsp Search for Head Start and Early Head Start programs by State, city, or region.

#### Child Care Aware

http://www.childcareaware.org

Find information on how to choose child care and link to local child care resource and referral agencies.

# OSEP-Funded Projects Finder

http://www.nectac.org/search/projfinder.asp Searchable database of early childhood projects funded by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), U.S. Department of Education.

# STATE CONTACTS

State Early Childhood Special Education Contacts

http://www.nectac.org/search/confinder.asp

State Child Care and Development Fund Contacts http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/statedata/dirs/devfund.html

Head Start State Collaboration Offices

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb/contacts/index.htm

National Association of Early Childhood Specialists in State Departments of Education

http://naecs.crc.uiuc.edu

State Early Care and Education Professional Development Web Sites http://nccic.org/pubs/goodstart/state-ece.html

# Please Note

#### This is a selected list of technical assistance resources. For more, check the following Federal agency Web sites:

- Child Care Bureau—www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb
- · U.S. Department of Education-www.ed.gov
- Head Start Bureau—www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb
- Health Resources and Services Administration—www.hrsa.gov
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administrationwww.samhsa.gov.





